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Request for Waiver for the Pottsboro Independent School District  
Funding Year 2006 Form 471  
Postmarked Outside of Window

CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6

Re: Form 471 Application Number 538771  
Billed Entity Number: 140474

Contact: Mary Malear  
Pottsboro Independent School District  
100 Highway 120 E.  
Pottsboro, TX 75076  
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I am appealing a decision contained in the Funding Commitment  
Decision Letter dated May 11, 2006 for Pottsboro ISD, BEN 140474.

I would like to submit this request for waiver for the USAC decision  
letter to hold our Form 471 application #538771 pending final review  
of those applications that were filed within the filing window.

Our application was postmarked 2/24/06 which was after the 2006-  
2007 filing window closing at 11:59 PM EST on Thursday, February 16,  
2006.

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I inadvertently failed to file the application in a timely manner due to my attending the TCEA conference the week of February 6 – 10. When I returned to my office, I was overwhelmed with my primary duties as technology coordinator of a small school district which are network administration and hardware and software support. I mistakenly believed I had 28 days from the time of my allowable vendor selection/contract date (2/01/2006) to file my Form 471. Due to the fact that I have little time during the school day to devote to pursuing federal grants and e-rate I was unable to monitor the USAC web site for deadline postings.

Since we only filed for basic phone service, we feel that delay or denial of funding in our case does not serve the intention of the FCC's E-Rate program and would inflict undue hardship on Pottsboro ISD and its constituents. Therefore it is our hope that the FCC will grant us a waiver for the USAC decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Malear".

Mary Malear  
Pottsboro ISD Technology Coordinator

Enclosures



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**FUNDING YEAR 2006 FORM 471  
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

May 11, 2006

Mary Malear  
POTTSBORO INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
100 HIGHWAY 120 E  
POTTSBORO, TX 75076

**Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: T2006  
Form 471 Application Number: 538771**

Dear Mary Malear:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 02/24/2006, which is AFTER the 2006-2007 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at [www.usac.org/sl](http://www.usac.org/sl) once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of 2006-2007 applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for the 2007-2008 application process, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

**TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:**

If you wish to appeal the decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name,
  - BEN,
  - Application number 538771 as assigned by USAC,
  - "Funding Year 2006 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
  - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service

provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant affected by USAC's decision.

5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to [appeals@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:appeals@sl.universalservice.org). USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit  
100 South Jefferson Road  
P.O. Box 902  
Whippany, New Jersey 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with USAC first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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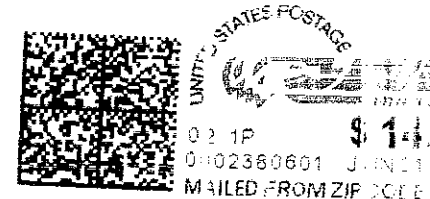
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